

# GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, D Ramsay, M Aluko, N Stansfield, M Stansfield, C Nobbs, T Janiu-Deen, N Wilson

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

### 10/17 Public Questions

17.1 Paul Denton (Chairman of the Residents Association) joined the meeting to give the Council an update on the action being taken by local residents regarding the proposal to change Grange Park school catchment area. He informed the meeting that a cohesive meeting had been arranged for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 with the local MP's, members of the association and a representative from the Parish Council. (Cllr Ramsay will attend on behalf of GPPC). This meeting is scheduled to take place in the Community Centre. The residents association are proposing to the LEA that Grange Park schooling arrangements stay as they currently are with some amendments.

The Council agreed to facilitate another meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 within the Community Centre to discuss the final comments to be submitted to the LEA. The deadline for submission to the admission forum is the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The Council also agreed to delegate Cllr Ramsay to formulate a response from the Parish Council to the Schools admission consultation paper and to submit it to the Schools Admission Forum at Northampton County Council. The Association and the Parish Council thanked and complimented Cllr Ramsay for Chairing the Public meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Action: Clerk**

### 10/18 County/District Councillors Report

18.1 Nothing to report

### 10/19 Apologies for Absence

19.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Cates, Ellington and Fry these were accepted and approved. Cllr Smith had informed the meeting that he would be late in arriving.

### 10/20 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr N Stansfield declared an interest in item 10/27.3 – Allotments

Cllr C Nobbs declared an interest in item 10/25.3 – S106 contributions

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## 10/21 Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010

- 21.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record .
- 21.2 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

## 10/22 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the following issues:

- No more information has been received since the last meeting ref: business structure – we are approaching our solicitors to advise us on a way forward
- NCALC Charter has been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. If anyone has any comments please can you forward them to the Parish Clerk before the end of February 2010.

## 10/23 Clerk's Report

- 23.1 Nothing to report

## 10/24 Finance

- 24.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 24.2 The Council approved the monthly committed expenditure relating to Contract 4 (maintenance and upkeep of all the open spaces within the parish)
- 24.3 GPPC are waiting on an updated financial report from our Project Manager – once this has been received it will be circulated to all members of the council for information.
- 24.4 The Clerk tabled the following information regarding the current financial position:

### ACCOUNTS UNTIL DECEMBER 2009

Balance brought forward from Previous year	£166,159.90
Expenditure to date (December)	£262,202.35
Income to Date (December)	£212,325.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£116,282.70</b>
Plus loan to Foxfields (Temporary)	£100,000.00
<b>Actual Total</b>	<b>£216,282.70</b>
To be carried over to 2010/11	£175,000.00
<b>Remaining to spend this year 2009/10</b>	<b>£41,282.70</b>
<b>Committed Projects for this year</b>	
Thinning of the Pioneers	£15,000
Gates at the Community Centre	£900
Youth Shelter	£8,000
Outstanding electricity bill	£10,000
Resurfacing of playparks	TBA

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## 10/25 Planning, Highways and Transportation

25.1 The following applications were considered:

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Location: 2 Woodlands, Grange Park  
Proposal: Two front dormers and three rear dormers  
Case Officer: David Read  
Observations: No comment

25.2 No further planning applications or decision notices were received.

25.3 The Chairman informed the Council that WNDC have agreed to meet us on the 18<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the S106 Contribution. The meeting will be held in the Parish Office at 6.30pm

25.4 Cllrs Stansfield informed the Council that he and the Chairman had attended a meeting with a private consultant working on behalf on Bellway Homes (Midlands) to achieve the adoption of the highways for Grange Park. A tour of the Parish was undertaken and potential problems identified, broken cobbles on the islands, drainage, street cleansing and lights. It was also noted that Bellway Homes (Northern) had done some remedial work which is currently being inspected by Northampton County Council.

## 10/26 Administration and Staffing

26.1 Nothing to report

## 10/27 Recreation and Amenities

27.1 It was reported that the building Contractor (Inspire) is pursuing sub contractors to complete all the plumbing and electrical equipment and our Project Manager is chasing this as a matter of urgency.

27.2 Cllr Walker gave a verbal report on the following issues:

- It was agreed that due to the cost that bolders would not be installed at the green on Wake Way, near Old Close, Grange Park
- It was agreed and approved to fix the ground surface within the playpark behind the school. This cost (approx £500) is due to vandalism.
- The thinning of the pioneers (stage1) has been completed.

27.3 Cllrs Stansfield/Walker sought the agreement of the Council to commence work on the allotments based at Lark Lane, Grange Park. The Council agreed that they would pay for the set up of the allotments and then pass them over to a management association for the day to day running. The work is due to commence week commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

27.4 Cllr Nobbs and Paul Denton circulated a draft copy of the proposed leaflet which will be circulated to all residents (once approved) illustrating the work that is done by the Parish Council and the associated cost. All Councillors were asked to forward any comments/amendments to Paul by the end of February 2010.

**Action: All members**

## 10/28 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

28.1 Nothing to report

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- 28.2 Cllr Ramsay proposed the following to the Council :  
*To alter the changing rooms to make space for a new bar/meeting area with sliding doors opening onto the patio area, create a new store room, a small office and a smaller male & female changing room. Grange Park bowls club have spent a considerable amount of time drawing up plans, checking the feasibility and costing materials. They are offering to undertake all the building works involved to convert this area and manage the project free of charge with the Parish Council only financing materials and professional fees. The estimated cost to the Parish is approx £15,000.*

The Parish Council discussed the above issue and decided to wait 3 months to see if any funds are available via the S106 contribution from the new development site at Saxon Avenue (Old Ikea Site). If funds were available then the Parish Council would pursue the project independently and not take up the building services offered by Wootton Grange Bowls Club.

- 28.3 The Parish Council considered a request from Woody's Out of School Club regarding the parking of a mini bus within the top community centre car park. It was agreed that this car park is allocated to the users of the community centre and that space is limited and therefore they would not be prepared to allocate a personal parking bay. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be happy to write a letter to the Traffic Commissioner informing them that the group have used the facilities of the community centre for many years.  
**Action: Clerk**

## **10/29 Community Activities**

- 29.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that a Police Mobile (Crime Prevention & Auto Crime Surgeries) will be here at the Community Centre on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 from 11- 1pm . It was agreed that this would be advertised on the website and on the door at the community Centre. **Action: Clerk**

## **10/30 Website and Newsletter**

- 30.1 Cllr Aluko tabled for consideration some tariff rates for the distribution of leaflets 2010/11. The following rates were agreed:

Newsletter – total 1700 = £200  
Leaflet delivery on its own (0.10 each)  
Leaflet (A4) inserted with newsletter (0.05 each)  
These prices are for non-profit groups within the Parish

It was noted that 7 youths are on the list to distribute the above and we are currently using 3 of them. It was agreed to try and use the others to cover holidays/sickness etc and that once the youth reach the age of 16 they will have to relinquish their employment with the Council. It was agreed to delegate Cllr Fry and Cllr Aluko to organise.  
**Action: Clerk**

Cllr Aluko also asked the Councillors to submit any information on events that may be happening this year in order that the calendar can be updated on the website.  
**Action: All members**

## **10/31 Correspondence**

- 31.1 All items of correspondence were discussed within the Meeting

## **10/32 Date of the Next Meeting**

- 32.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 4th March 2010 at 7pm at the Community Centre.
- 32.2 Agenda items : litter picking within the Parish.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm